

February 12, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington D.C. 20544

Re: CC Docket No. 01-338, Review of the Section 251 Unbundling
Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As Chairperson of the Small Business Alliance for Fair
Utility Deregulation, I'm writing to support
elimination of the current unbundling rules
for incumbent local exchange carriers.

Small businesses have been waiting for improved service
and connectivity -- while watching telecommunications
companies curtail their capital spending and lay off
thousands. The time has come to remove these
unworkable unbundling rules and put in place
a national framework. Only then will we have an
environment that provides an incentive to
companies to build state-of-the-art networks.

Thank you for keeping the interests of small business
in mind as you consider these issues.

Sincerely,

Betty Jo Toccoli
Small Business Alliance for Fair Utility Deregulation